

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A handle for a lacrosse head comprising:

a one-piece hollow tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface, said hollow tube having a first end for communicating with a throat portion of a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end, said exterior surface having a generally uniform dimension along its length;

wherein said hollow tube has a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a first location along said hollow metal tube and a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior ~~[[thickness]]~~ surface at a second location along said hollow metal tube;

wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness.

2. (Original) The handle of claim 2, wherein the handle is constructed of a metal material.

3. (Original) The handle of claim 2, wherein said hollow metal tube is defined by a top portion on one side of a centerline of the handle and a bottom portion on an opposing side of said centerline, said top portion and said bottom portion extending longitudinally across said hollow tube from said first end to said second end, said top portion including said first location, said bottom portion including said second location.

4. (Original) The handle of claim 3, wherein said top portion has said first thickness substantially uniform and substantially across said hollow tube from said first end to said second end.

5. (Original) The handle of claim 3, wherein said bottom portion has said second thickness substantially uniform and substantially across said hollow tube from said first end to said second end.

6. (Original) The handle of claim 3, wherein said hollow tube tapers in thickness from said top portion to said bottom portion.

7. (Original) The handle of claim 2, wherein said hollow tube is formed by an extrusion process.

8. (Original) The handle of claim 2, wherein said hollow tube is comprised of a material selected from the group consisting of an aluminum metal, a titanium metal, and an alloy.

9. (Withdrawn) A handle for a lacrosse head comprising:

a hollow metal tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface, said hollow metal tube having a first end for communicating with a throat portion of a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end;

wherein said hollow metal tube has a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a first location along a longitudinal axis of said hollow metal tube and a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior thickness at a second location along said longitudinal axis of said hollow metal tube;

wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness.

10. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 9, wherein said hollow metal tube is defined by a top portion on one side of a centerline of the handle and a bottom portion on an opposing side of said centerline, said top portion and said bottom portion having a substantially uniform thickness from said interior surface to said exterior surface along a transversal axis of said hollow metal tube.

11. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 10, wherein said top portion tapers in thickness from said first location to said second location.

12. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 10, wherein said bottom portion tapers in thickness from said first location to said second location.

13. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 10, wherein said exterior surface of said top portion and said exterior surface of said bottom portion are parallel to said centerline.

14. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 9, wherein said first location is proximal to said first end of said hollow metal tube.

15. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 9, wherein said second location is proximal to said second end of said hollow metal tube.

16. (Withdrawn) A handle for a lacrosse head comprising:

a hollow metal tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface, said hollow metal tube having a first end for communicating with a throat portion of a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end;

wherein said hollow metal tube has a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a first length of said hollow metal tube and a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior thickness at a second length of said hollow metal tube;

wherein said first thickness and said second thickness are different to provide tactile feedback to a player as to the orientation of the handle in said player's hand.

17. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 16, wherein said first length includes said first end of said hollow metal tube.

18. (Withdrawn) The handle of claim 16, wherein said second length includes a middle portion of said hollow metal tube.

19. (New) A handle for attachment to a lacrosse head, comprising:

a hollow metal tube having an interior surface and an exterior surface, said hollow metal tube having a first end for communicating with a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end;

a reference plane extending along a centerline of said hollow metal tube and dividing said hollow metal tube into a first half and a second half;

a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a point in said first half;

a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface at a point in said second half;

wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness.

20. (New) The handle of claim 19, wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness substantially in said first half at a given longitudinal location on said reference plane of said metal tube.

21. (New) The handle of claim 20, wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness substantially along a length of said hollow metal tube.

22. (New) The lacrosse handle of claim 19, wherein said first half corresponds to a bottom half of said hollow metal tube and said second half corresponds to a top half of said hollow metal tube.

23. (New) A handle for attachment to a lacrosse head comprising:

a hollow tube having an interior surface and a generally uniform exterior surface, said hollow tube having a first end for attachment to a lacrosse head and a second end opposing said first end;

said hollow tube being generally divisible into a first half and a second half by a reference plane extending along a longitudinal centerline of said hollow tube;

a first thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface in said first half;

a second thickness defined by a distance between said interior surface and said exterior surface in said second half;

wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness substantially throughout a given longitudinal location along said reference plane.

24. (New) The handle of claim 23, wherein said hollow tube is constructed of a metal material.

25. (New) The handle of claim 23, wherein said first thickness has a greater magnitude than said second thickness substantially along a length of said hollow tube.

26. (New) The handle of claim 23, wherein said first half corresponds to a bottom half of said hollow tube and said second half corresponds to a top half of said hollow tube.